

*Absorption of Panchayat Secretaries.*

43. (65) SRI B. G. BANAKAR (Hirekerur):—Will the Minister for Rural Development and Social welfare be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Government has directed the Divisional Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners to absorb all the working Panchayat Secretaries as per its Order No. DPC. 9 VET 72 dated 13th June 1972;

(b) whether it is not a fact that the Deputy Commissioners of Belgaum Division have appointed fresh candidates as Village Accountants cum-Ex-Officio Panchayat Secretaries without considering the candidature of Panchayat Secretaries who are working now since many years;

(c) whether the Government propose to issue clear instructions once again to the concerned to absorb the present Secretaries in suitable posts or in Village Accountants posts so that the present Panchayat Secretaries will not be put to hardships?

SRI N. RACHAIAH (Minister for Rural Development and Social Welfare).—(a) Government in their Order No. DPC 9 VET 72 dated 13th June 1972 have directed that persons who are already in service as Panchayat Secretaries but now displaced as a result of new rules being enforced should be on becoming considered for being absorbed in other posts available or on becoming available in the Panchayats if found suitable and practicable.

(b) The cases of the Panchayat Secretaries who had applied for the posts of Village Accountants, have been considered. The Selection Committees have selected those Panchayat Secretaries who were eligible under the provision of the KGS (R.S.B). Village Accountants Recruitment, Rules, after interviewing the candidates.

(c) In North Kanara District, the services of 16 part-time Panchayat Secretaries have been terminated for their non-selection to the post of Village Accountants. But regular Panchayat Secretaries who are not selected for the post of village Accountants have been continued as panchayat Secretaries as no other suitable posts are available to absorb them. In Belgaum, Bijapur and Dharwar Districts, the services of any of the Panchayat Secretaries are not terminated.

*Lands self cultivated in Hirekerur Taluk*

44. (65) SRI B. G. BANAKAR (Hirekerur):—Will the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state:—

(a) the total Number of families with lands self cultivated in each and every villages in Hirekerur Taluk, District Dharwar.